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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE CASES--CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 1406, (B) STATE 50329

1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION. FLOW OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES TO MALAYSIAN SHORES ONCE AGAIN IS ON UPSWING. TDY CONSULAR OFFICER ANDERSON ESTIMATES NUMBER OF REFUGEES INCREASED 50PCT DURING HIS FOUR-WEEK STAY HERE TO HELP REDOCUMENT EXISTING CASES AND INITIATE PROCESSING OF NEW ARRIVALS. INCREASED FLOW PLUS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF NEW "CONDITIONAL ENTRY" PROGRAM HAS IMPACTED DRAMATICALLY ON EMBASSY WORKLOAD AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS. ANDERSON'S YEOMANLIKE WORK IN INTERVIEWING AND REINTERVIEWING APPROXIMATELY 1,000 REFUGEES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN NORTH BORNEO STATES OF SABAH AND SARAWAK AND ALONG EAST COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA NOW NECESSITATES MAJOR FOLLOWUP EFFORT TO INTEGRATE AND UTILIZE INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH PROCESSING OF APPARENTLY QUALIFIED REFUGEE FAMILIES. ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OFFICER AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DETAILED TO THIS CRASH PROGRAM TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR INS OFFICER TO VISIT HERE SHORTLY TO INITIATE

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FINAL PROCESSING OF QUALIFIED CASES. WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE SECRETARIAL OVERTIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO REDUCE BACKLOG. ACTION REQUIRED: TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS PLUS OTHER COST PROJECTIONS FOR PERIOD APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF NOT REPEAT NOT LESS THAN US\$8,700.00. CABLED PROGRAM ALLOTMENT INCREASE URGENTLY REQUIRED.

END SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION.

2. EMBASSY EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR SERVICES CONSUAL ANDERSON WHO WORKED 12 AND 16-HOUR DAYS FOR FOUR WEEKS TO INTERVIEW OVER 1,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN NORTH BORNEO STATES OF SABAH AND SARAWAK AND EAST COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA (1,000 AND 250 MILES FROM KUALA LUMPUR, RESPECTIVELY). WE ARE FACING CRITICAL PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE (A) FLOW OF REFUGEES INCREASING (ANDERSON ESTIMATES NUMBER INCREASED 50PCT DURING TIME HE WAS THERE), AND (B) NEED TO TYPE FINAL COPIES OF REQUIRED FORMS AND TELEGRAMS FOR THOSE ALREADY INTERVIEWED.

3. WITH REGARD PARA. 2(B), BETWEEN THREE AND SEVEN PICES OF PAPER MUST BE TYPED FOR PERSON INTERVIEWED. WE CURRENTLY HAVE ONE LOCAL AND ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY TYPING THESE FORMS DURING OFFICE HOURS AND ON OVERTIME. BECAUSE OF UNFAMILI- ARITY WITH VIETNAMESE NAMES, COMPLEXITY OF FORMS, AND LIMITED SPACE ON FORMS (ESPECIALLY FORM I-590) TO NOTE ENTRIES, AT PRESENT RATE IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 400 HOURS TO COMPLETE 425 CASES ON HAND, NOT TO MENTION ADDITIONAL CASES TO BE OPENED IN THE FUTURE.

4. EMBASSY HAD BEEN AWAITING ARRIVAL OF VOLAG REP BERRY OF CWS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW HE AND ANY STAFF HE IS AUTHORI- ZED TO HIRE CAN ASSIST EMBASSY IN PROCESSING. BEERY ARRIVED APRIL 7. ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE WITH LONGER RANGE MANPOWER BURDENS WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO ILLUSIONS THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THE IMMEDIATE BACKLOG. WE HAVE DIVERTED AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL TO THIS PROGRAM, AND ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL ENTAIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERABLE SECRETARIAL OVERTIME.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CABLED PROGRAM ALLOTMENT INCREASE AS PER PARA 1 ABOVE.  
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